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Docket No.: 58799-013

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of	:	Customer Number: 20277
Naozumi SUGIMURA, et al.	:	- Confirmation Number: 1017
Application No.: 09/632,164	:	Group Art Unit: 2616
Filed: August 03, 2000	:	Allowed: October 20, 2004
	:	Examiner: R. Chevalier
For: DIGITAL SIGNAL RECORDING APPARATUS AND RECORDING MEDIUM	:	

**COMMENTS RESPONSIVE TO STATEMENT OF
REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)**

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Sir:

The October 20, 2004 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application included a Statement of Reasons for Allowance. Entry of that Statement into the record should not be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the stated reasoning.

The Statement includes an underlined quotation, which the Statement suggests relates to a feature not anticipated or obvious in view of prior art. The underlined quotation, is not a direct quotation from any of the allowed claims. The language of the allowed claims is already of record in the case and is adequately clear. It is submitted that it is the actual language of the claim that controls, not a potentially inaccurate quotation of somewhat different language set forth in the Statement. The prosecution of the allowed claims should be clear from the record of this application, and specific comments as to patentability should be unnecessary at this stage of prosecution.

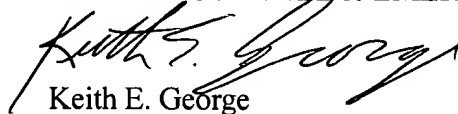
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It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled the broadest reasonable interpretation and broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims and the record of this application, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

To the extent necessary, if any, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 500417 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,

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